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- 1. USUN'S EXCELLENT ASSESSMENT OF USSR IN 31ST UNGA HAS HAD WIDE AND APPRECIATIVE READERSHIP IN VARIOUS AREAS IN DEPARTMENT. REVIEW OF USSR'S RELATIONS WITH LDCS WAS PARTICULARLY TIMELY FOR CURRENT REVIEW OF US-LDC RELATIONS IN CONTEXT OF NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE.
- 2. DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER VIEWS MISSION MAY HAVE ON USSR'S CAPABILITY TO OBTAIN LDC VOTES FOR ITS OWN PURPOSES AS DISTINCT FROM ADVANTAGE GAINED BY JOINING IN SUPPORT OF LDC INITIATIVES. PARA 4 REFTEL APPEARS TO INDICATE CLEARLY THAT USSR HAS SUCH CAPABILITY WHILE PARA 11 IMPLIES THAT LARGE NUMBERS OF LDCS VOTE WITH USSR ONLY ON MEASURES WITH AT LEAST SOME INTRINSIC INTEREST CONFIDENTIAL

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FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

3. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN WHETHER IN MISSION'S JUDGMENT 31ST GA PROVIDED ANY CLEAR EXAMPLES OF USSR VOTE-GETTING ABILITY AMONG LDCS FOR MEASURES (POSSIBLY ON DISARMAMENT) WHICH WERE OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE FOR USSR BUT HAD LITTLE INTEREST FOR MOST LDCS.

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